Rs. 50 in 1111
„ 50 in 1112
Nil in 1113
Rs. 150 in 1114
„ 150 in 1115

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know the reasons for giving a smaller grant to the Cochin Sirkar Teachers' Association?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* They get a grant of Rs. 150 as in the case of the Aided Primary Teachers' Association.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* The Cochin Teachers' Association and the Cochin Women Teachers' Association are together given a grant of Rs. 2,000 each.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* These were the only associations existing then and the others were subordinate associations, which came up only recently and they were given Rs. 150 each. No distinction is made here between the teachers of one category and the other.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is it with the permission of the deaprtment that these associations have been formed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Certainly it was with the permission of Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Why was permission granted for the starting of new associations when there was already a Teachers' Association as early as in 1096.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The Cochin Teachers' Association is a body comprising both Aided and Sirkar school teachers and matters of general interest are discussed at the various conferences of this association. The teachers of Aided and Sirkar primary schools thought that their service interests were not sufficiently safeguarded by this older association and so they wanted specific associations to safeguard their own interests.

ADULT EDUCATION—ENCOURAGEMENT OF

19. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any scheme with them for the furtherance of "adult education" in the State;

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(*b*) the number of night schools, both aided and sirkar, at present and how many pupils attended these institutions, if any, on 30th Makaram 1115;

(*c*) the number of night schools, sirkar and aided, that existed in 1105;

(*d*) whether any public body or organisation has approached the Government to render help for a scheme for adult education; if so, which is that body or organisation; what help have the Government rendered or promised to render;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware of the existence of an "All-Cochin Adult Education Association" at Ramavarmapuram under the patronage of the Director of Public Instruction with professional teachers as members;

(*f*) whether the Government have set apart or earmarked any fund for the furtherance of adult education except what is spent on libraries?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Four (all aided). 157 attended on 30th Makaram 1115.

(*c*) 134 (6 sirkar and 128 aided).

(*d*) No. The latter portions of the question do not arise.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes; the necessary amount for giving aid to the 4 schools referred to in sub-division (*b*).

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is seen from the reply that in 1115 there are only 4 night schools whereas in 1105 the number was 134. So, in the course of 10 years, 130 night schools were stopped. May I know what prompted the Government to put a stop to the encouragement of such necessary institutions?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* In the first place, this is an index of the progress. With the progress of elementaty education, the number of night schools must decrease. In the second place, many of them closed themselves and not by Government. In 1107 a large number of night schools existed only for the purpose of receiving grants. With the first inspection of mine it was reported that they were closed down.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know the percentage of literacy in Cochin?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I have not got the figures beyond what is contained in the Census Report.

Mr. President: You will know this more correctly next year.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I want the figures only of the last census.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I request the hon'ble member to refer to the same document which I have to refer.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Tichur-South):* May I know whether from the matter of primary education any inference can be drawn with regard to night schools which are now on the decrease?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* If older people pass away there will be greater literacy.

Mr. President: His point is that if boys are educated and grow old, there will be a large number of adults, and the percentage of literacy will be on the increase.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are the Government aware that a large percentage of adults are still illiterate?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Not a large percentage. Government are aware that the reverse is the truth.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* In view of the fact that adult education is absolutely necessary for the achievement of full responsible government, will the Government seriously consider the question of further encouraging the same to the maximum possibility?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Government will consider. The hon'ble members will realise that adult education is not carried on in schools alone. There are the rural village libraries of which the Hon'ble Minister is in charge.

CHITTUR-VADUTALA BRIDGE—CONSTRUCTION OF

20. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ചേരാനെല്ലൂർ വില്ലേജിൽപെട്ട ചിറ്റൂർ-വടുതല പാലം എത്ര കൊല്ലത്തെ സ്കീമിലാണു് പണി പൂർത്തീകരിക്കുവാൻ നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്;

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